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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: 7TH EXTENSION OF UNDOF

1. AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S STATEMENT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
ON MAY 26 DURING THE DEBATE ON THE RENEWAL OF UNDOF IS  
TRANSMITTED IN PARAGRAPH 2.

2. QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

THE UNITED NATIONS AND THIS COUNCIL ACCEPTED AN IMPORTANT  
RESPONSIBILITY IN DECIDING ON MAY 31, 1974 TO ESTABLISH  
THE UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE. THE CALM  
WHICH HAS PREVAILED DURING THE INTERVENING THREE YEARS  
IN THE AREAS UNDER UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION TESTIFIES  
TO THE WISDOM OF THAT DECISION. NONETHELESS, AS WE ACCEPT  
THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE LIFE OF  
THIS FORCE FOR A FURTHER SIX MONTHS, WE SHOULD REVIEW ONCE  
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AGAIN BRIEFLY THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONTEXT IN  
WHICH WE TAKE THIS ACTION.

ANY SUCH REVIEW MUST BEGIN WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT UNDOF  
TO DATE HAS BEEN AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. THE PARTIES  
HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE  
TERMS OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO

SERIOUS INCIDENTS, NOR HAS THE AREA OF DISENGAGEMENT BEEN A SOURCE OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY TENSION BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA. MUCH CREDIT FOR THIS IS DUE TO THE PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO HAVE SERVED AND ARE SERVING IN UNDOF. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS AN IMPRESSIVE INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS. WE SHOULD KEEP THIS VERY MUCH IN MIND IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE, IN OUR EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE SOLUTIONS TO LONG-STANDING PROBLEMS.

THE MISSION OF UNDOF AND OTHER PEACEKEEPING FORCES IS, OF COURSE, TO HELP MAINTAIN CLAM IN THE AREA SO THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE CAN GO FORWARD - AS IT MUST - IN AN ATMOSPHERE MOST CONDUCTIVE TO SUCCESS. THE UNITED STATES IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAS EMBARKED ON A NEW ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AIM OF RESUMING THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE AT GENEVA. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MET WITH THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES. HE HAS FURTHER INDICATED A DESIRE TO MEET WITH THE NEW PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL AT THE EARLIEST APPROPRIATE TIME. SECRETARY VANCE HAS RECENTLY

DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO THE SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND WE HAVE AGREED TO DIRECT OUR EFFORTS TOWARD RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE THIS FALL.

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IN THE COURSE OF ALL THESE DISCUSSIONS, WE HAVE GAINED CONSIDERABLE INSIGHT INTO THE THINKING OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES. WE HAVE A KEEN APPRECIATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE IN THE WAY OF EVEN THE BEGINNING OF SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WE HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACE ON THE PART OF BOTH ISRAEL AND ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS. IT IS A DESIRE WHICH GROWS OUT OF A PROFOUND WEARINESS AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST WITH CONTINUING CONFLICT. IT IS A HOPE NURTURED BY DREAMS OF A BETTER, MORE SECURE AND MORE PROSPEROUS LIFE FOR ALL. WITH THESE HOPES IN MIND, THE UNITED STATES WILL PERSIST IN ITS DELIBERATE AND DETERMINED SEARCH FOR WAYS TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER AND TO HELP THEM REALIZE THE JUST AND DURABLE PEACE THAT IS THE WISH OF ALL. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE, IN THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT CARTER, THAT "THIS MAY BE THE MOST PROPITIOUS TIME FOR A GENUINE SETTLEMENT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. TO LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS COULD MEAN DISASTER, NOT ONLY FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT PERHAPS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND

ECONOMIC ORDER AS WELL."

IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ONCE AGAIN OUR ADMIRATION  
AND GRATITUDE TO GENERAL HANNES PHILLIP AND THE FORCES  
UNDER HIS COMMAND FOR THE EXEMPLARY MANNER IN WHICH THEY  
CONTINUE TO DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.  
WE SHOULD ALSO SINGLE OUT FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION THOSE  
NATIONS -- AUSTRIA, IRAN, CANADA AND POLAND -- WHO CONTRIBUTE  
FORCES TO UNDOF. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST URGE ALL NATIONS  
PROMPTLY AND FULLY TO PAY THEIR ASSESSED AMOUNTS IN SUPPORT  
OF THESE SHARED INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. AND FINALLY,  
I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND  
STATESMANLIKE APPROACH TO THIS RENEWAL OF THE GOVERNMENTS  
OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA AND TO THANK BOTH THE SECRETARY  
GENERAL AND THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT OF THIS COUNCIL  
FOR THEIR EFFORTS WHICH HAVE MADE POSSIBLE OUR ACTION TODAY.

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